



**2015 SESSION**

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**BUSINESS REPORT**

**MONTANA SENATE  
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday, March 30, 2015  
**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 3:00 PM  
**Room:** 303

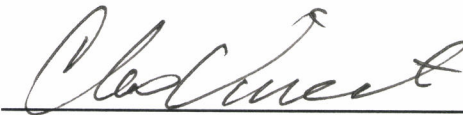
**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

HB 519 - Generally revise exempt well laws - Rep. Carl Glimm

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:**

HB 553 - Be Concurred in as amended

**Comments:**

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SEN. Chas Vincent, Chair

**MONTANA STATE SENATE**  
***Roll Call***  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

DATE: March 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR	X	
SENATOR CHRISTINE KAUFMANN	X	
SENATOR DUANE ANKNEY	X	
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN	X	
SENATOR PAT CONNELL		X
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER		X
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT		X
SENATOR BRIAN HOVEN	X	
SENATOR JIM KEANE		X
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	X	
SENATOR MIKE PHILLIPS	X	
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT, CHAIR	X	



## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 30, 2015  
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Madame President:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources** report that **House Bill 553** (third reading copy -- blue) **be concurred in as amended.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Senator Chas Vincent, Chair*

To be carried by Senator Bradley Hamlett

### And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 2.

**Strike:** "departments"

**Insert:** "department of fish, wildlife, and parks"

2. Page 2, line 3.

**Following:** "parties"

**Insert:** ", any cooperative funding requirements,"

3. Page 2, line 4.

**Following:** "part."

**Insert:** "The department of fish, wildlife, and parks retains oversight authority over the operation of a check station pursuant to this subsection."

4. Page 2, line 14.

**Following:** "transportation shall"

**Insert:** "cooperate with the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to"

- END -

### Committee Vote:

Yes 6, No 5

Fiscal Note Required X



**MONTANA STATE SENATE**  
**Roll Call Vote**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

DATE 3/30/15 BILL NO HB 553 MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTION: Be Amended

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR	X		
SENATOR CHRISTINE KAUFMANN	X		
SENATOR DUANE ANKNEY	X		
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN		X	
SENATOR PAT CONNELL	X		
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER			
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT	X		X
SENATOR BRIAN HOVEN	X		
SENATOR JIM KEANE	X		X
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	X		
SENATOR MIKE PHILLIPS	X		
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT, CHAIR		X	

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**MONTANA STATE SENATE**  
**Roll Call Vote**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

DATE 3/30/15 BILL NO. HB 553 MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTION: Do Pass as Amended

<u>NAME</u>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NO</b>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR		X	
SENATOR CHRISTINE KAUFMANN	X		
SENATOR DUANE ANKNEY		X	
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN		X	
SENATOR PAT CONNELL		X	
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER			
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT	X		X
SENATOR BRIAN HOVEN	X		
SENATOR JIM KEANE	X		X
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	X		
SENATOR MIKE PHILLIPS	X		
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT, CHAIR		X	

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# SENATE PROXY

I, Senator Keane, hereby authorize Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to vote my proxy before the Senate

NATURAL RESOURCES meeting held on March 30, 2015.

Senator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Said authorization is as follows: *(mark only one)*

- ☐ All votes, including amendments.
- ☐ All votes as directed below on the listed bills, and all other votes.
- ☐ Votes only as directed below.

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# SENATE PROXY

I, Senator Hamlett, hereby authorize Senator

\_\_\_\_\_ to vote my proxy before the Senate

NATURAL RESOURCES meeting held on March 30, 2015.

Senator Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MONTANA STATE SENATE**  
**Visitors Register**  
**SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 30, 2015**

**HB 519 - Generally revise exempt well laws**

**Sponsor: Rep. Carl Glimm**

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
ROBERT CHAMBERLIN	O'KEEFE DRILLING	X		with recommendations
Byron Anderson	Self	X		
Mike Hughes	Self	X		
JERRY HAMLIN	SELF	X		
Ben Wilson	Sears	X		
Steve Kesteven	Self	X		
Dustin Lyndstrom	MT City Plumbing	X		
Brian Petzer	Intermountain Heating	X		
Kevin Peter	" "	X		
Les Trauer	Penna	X		
Mike Hanning	Emmett Felt	X		
Eugene Graf	self	X		
Tom Murphy	SELF	X		
Jan Kellum	self	X		
SPENCER WORTH	WORTH ENGINEERING	X		
Mike BAN	Self	X		
Leif Sundeen	Self	X		
FRANK ARMSTRONG	SELF	X		
Basil Jacobson	drilled materials	X		
David Graham	self	X		
Bill Fiedler	SELF	X		
ROB MARTIN	HB 519	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Ren Allen	City of Helena		✓	
Nancy Hale	Self	✓		
Byron Roberts	Roberts Honey	✓		
David L. Nielsen	MT League of Cities		X	
Katie Harring	HBA Great Falls	✓		
Tom Stringham	BBIA (Bitterroot)	✓		
ANGELA K PREVITE	BBIA	✓		
Barb Kingery	DEG			X
Spigant St. Laurent	MAR	X		
Jack Walsh	MBIA/HBIA	✓		
Sean Hawler	Self	✓		
Mike Roach	Self	✓		
Dustin Skupper	MBIA	✓		
Kim Smith	VALLEY SAND & GRAVE	✓		
Ronda Wraggers	MT Water Well Drillers Assn	X		
Richard Thweatt	MT SMART GROWTH COALITION		✓	
DAKE BROWN	MT PIR 6		X	
Joe Roberts	MT Assoc. of Reg. Land Ser	X		
Chelcie Cremer	MEBF		X	
Mike Murphy	MWRA		X	
Kristalle Evans	GrWRC, AGAI		X	
Jacob Cargill	MT Farmers Union		X	

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# Visitors Register

## SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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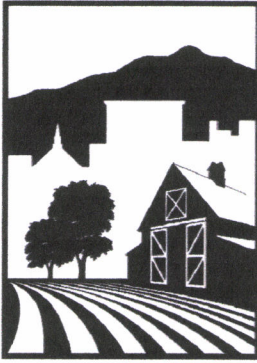
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Date: 3/30/15

Bill No. HB 519



MONTANA  
SMART GROWTH  
COALITION

March 30, 2015

From: Richard Thweatt, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

To: Natural Resources Committee, Montana Senate

RE: HOUSE BILL 519, EXEMPT WELLS

The Montana Smart Growth Coalition opposes SB 519

Domestic water wells that are exempt from permitting are the primary driver of inefficient development that needlessly costs the state of Montana, its counties, and its taxpayers millions of dollars in increased costs of roads, schools, and other public services while there is ample land for development in Montana's municipalities where these services can be provided at much less expense to taxpayers.

Studies conducted in Montana and elsewhere have confirmed the obvious fact that disbursed development costs much more to serve than development within municipalities. See the attached statement from professional planner, Randy Carpenter.

Lewis & Clark County recently completed an analysis of the number of homes that Helena's designated urban growth area could accommodate if all available land was developed to urban densities. That study concluded all growth anticipated in the next 20 years, an estimated 4,000 new homes, could occur within Helena's urban growth area and still have ample room to spare.

Fears that reductions in exemptions for domestic water wells will have severe adverse impacts on the building and development industries are over blown given the projected demand for housing and the abundance of available land within municipal areas.

HB 519, as written, would continue to encourage inefficient development patterns and we respectfully urge the committee not to pass HB 519.

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MARCH 30, 2015

FROM: RANDY CARPENTER

TO: THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RE: HB 519, EXEMPT WELLS

My name is Randy Carpenter. I live in Bozeman. I wish to make a statement about the fiscal implications of sprawl.

I come from a background in land use planning, with an M.A. from the University of Iowa's Urban and Regional Planning graduate program. I have been a professional planner for over twenty years, first with local governments, and for the following 13 years with the Sonoran Institute until leaving last fall. Much of my professional work has addressed a core question for communities: how can they maintain fiscal stability as they struggle to provide the infrastructure and services that growth requires, without excessively taxing their residents?

Hundreds of studies confirm that sprawl – that is, low-density, far-flung development that stretches outside of cities and into rural areas – is the least fiscally prudent pattern of growth. While I was with the Sonoran Institute, we commissioned a number of studies to assess this phenomenon as it applies to Montana communities. I would like to enter into the record a 2009 study that RPI Consulting did for Gallatin County.

That study, entitled "Gallatin County, Montana Fiscal Impact Analysis" ([http://www.sonoraninstitute.org/component/docman/doc\\_details/1329-gallatin-county-montana-fiscal-impact-analysis-03152009.html?Itemid=3](http://www.sonoraninstitute.org/component/docman/doc_details/1329-gallatin-county-montana-fiscal-impact-analysis-03152009.html?Itemid=3)), projected future growth under two scenarios: 1) a "business as usual" scenario, in which past growth trends would continue into the future (for instance, while the population of the county grew by 133% from 1970 and 2004, the amount of land developed for homes grew by 271%); and 2) an "alternative" scenario, in which more of the future growth would occur in the county's cities and less in rural areas. RPI then compared the costs of providing public infrastructure and services (such as road maintenance and emergency services) to each of those scenarios. The study found that the more compact alternative scenario would save Gallatin County taxpayers over \$53 million between 2010 and 2025.

The substantial tax savings of the alternative scenario is fairly intuitive: for the same number of homes and business, the more compact growth patterns require far fewer miles of roads to be built and maintained, broader coverage areas for the emergency services, and dramatically reduced traffic loads on County roads. It's no different, really, than the situation faced by private sector utilities: in areas where they have fewer customers per mile of road, they either have to charge each of those customers more, or they have to spread the costs of those inefficient areas across all rate payers. The very same dynamic applies to local government when low-density growth sprawls into the countryside.

As I mentioned, this is but one of many studies done throughout the country that point to the very real, and very significant, fiscal implications of how we grow. In a time of increasing demand from growing populations, and scarcer financial resources, and a growing concern about tax burdens, it is more necessary than ever that governments provide infrastructure and

services in a fiscally prudent manner. That is simply not possible when development sprawls out into the countryside. It is fiscally reckless to promote growth that strains the resources of Montana taxpayers, and it is incumbent upon the Legislature to act accordingly.

Date: 3/30/15

Bill No. HB 519

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Senate Natural Resources Committee  
Subject

HB 519

Patti Dinkins, Jalq Gorell  
Oppose this Water Bill

House B. 519

Patti Dinkins  
Landmark Rentals  
Bliss, Mt 59102  
Jalq Gorell